

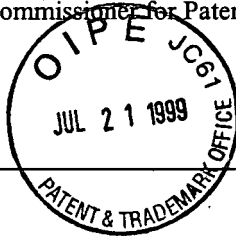
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IN A MAIN VESSEL NEAR ONE OR MORE BRANCH VESSELS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed, June 16, 1999, for which a one month extension of time for response is herewith requested. The following amendments and remarks place the claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

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Amendments

Please add new claims 25-38 as indicated below.

Please cancel claims 2-5, 11-13, 15-18 and 24 without prejudice and amend claims 19-22 as follows:

1. A stent-graft for bridging an aneurysm in an aorta, the aneurysm being at least partially disposed between two renal arteries and two iliac arteries, comprising:

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